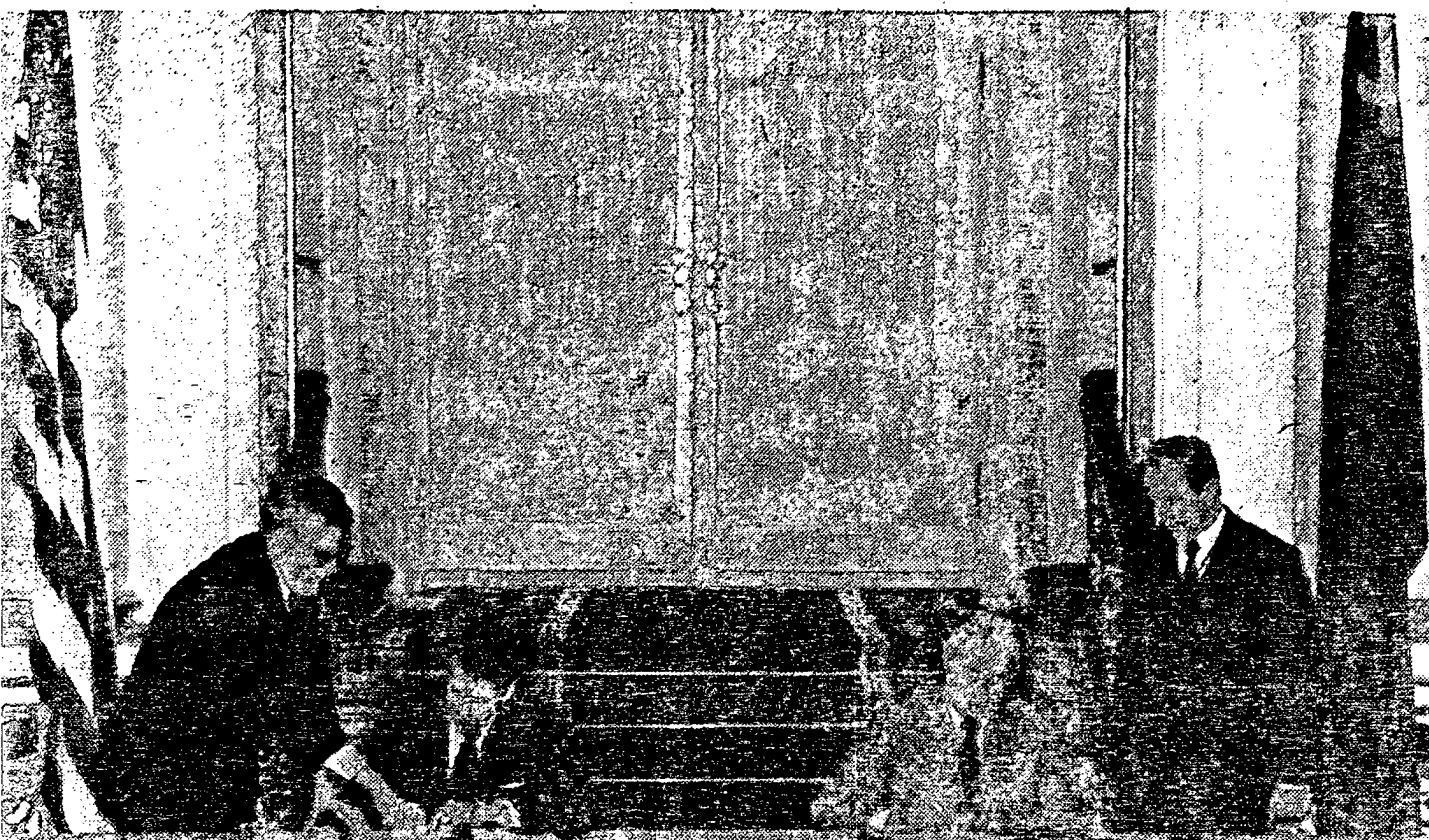


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Starting Words

# nt: 'Realistic Approach' to Reducing Nuclea



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President Reagan and Mikhail S. Gorbachev signing ratification documents of treaty on intermediate and shorter-range missiles.

joint draft text and are considered to be agreed, subject to the completion and ratification of the treaty.

Taking into account a treaty on strategic offensive arms, the sides have continued negotiations to achieve a separate agreement concerning the ABM treaty building on the language of the Washington summit joint statement dated Dec. 10, 1987. Progress was made in preparing the joint draft text of an associated protocol.

The joint draft treaty on reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms reflects the earlier understanding on establishment of ceilings of no more than 1,600 strategic offensive delivery systems and 6,000 warheads as well as agreement on subceilings of 4,900 for the aggregate of ICBM and SLBM warheads and 1,540 warheads on 154 heavy missiles.

The draft treaty also records the sides' agreement that as a result of the reductions the aggregate throw weight of the Soviet Union's ICBMs and SLBMs will be reduced to less than approximately 50 percent below the existing level and this level will not be exceeded.

subject to negotiation.

In addition, the sides agreed on a counting rule for heavy bomber armaments according to which heavy bombers equipped only for nuclear gravity bombs and SRAMs will count as one delivery vehicle against the 1,600 limit and one warhead against the 6,000 limit.

The delegations have also prepared joint draft texts of an inspection protocol, a conversion or elimination protocol, and a memorandum of understanding on data, which are integral parts of the treaty. These documents build on the verification provisions of the INF treaty, extending and elaborating them as necessary to meet the more demanding requirements of Start. The Start verification measures will, at a minimum, include:

A. Data exchanges, to include declarations and appropriate notifications on the number and location of weapons systems limited by Start, including locations and facilities for production, final assembly, storage, testing, repair, training, deployment, conversion and elimination of such systems. Such declarations will be exchanged between the sides before the treaty is signed and updated periodically.

I. Declared locations during the process of reducing to agreed limits; II. Locations where systems covered by this treaty remain after achieving the agreed limits; and III. Locations where such systems have been located (formerly declared facilities).

F. Short-notice inspection, in accordance with agreed-upon procedures, of locations where either side considers covert deployment, production, storage or repair of strategic offensive arms could be occurring.

G. Prohibition of the use of concealment or other activities which impede verification by national technical means. Such provisions would include a ban on telemetry encryption and would allow for full access to all telemetry information broadcast during missile flight.

H. Procedures that enable verification of the number of warheads on deployed ballistic missiles of each specific type, including on-site inspection.

I. Enhanced observation of activities related to reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms by national technical means. These would include open displays of treaty-

of verification

The sides are limiting long-r

Ronald Reagan expressed their positive work including the treaty of strategic offensive arms security not on and the U.S.A. Guided by the delegation's instruction of Dec. 12, 1987, it has a principle that all problems are solved as documents are without delay.

The leaders of the two sides full-scale, strategic issues relating to negotiations the agree upon which will meet U.S.S.R. Three and Peaceful 1976, and intermediate leading to the complete cessation of the effective process, among the first prior nuclear weaponization. In implementing these negotiations verification of Threshold Test Ban Treaty agreed to declaration experiments.

The leaders progress on Nuclear Explosive Testing Ban Treaty, including constraints on verification of the Ban Treaty.

Expressing progress achieved for continuing nuclear test negotiations and preparation of clear Explosive Testing Ban Treaty joint verification conducted and understanding the TBT.